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Provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau and the two Co-Chairmen

Rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

By paragraph 8 of its resolution 54/196 of 22 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to constitute a Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, which would consist of 15 representatives of States Members of the United Nations selected according to the principle of equitable geographical representation and would be presided over by two Co-Chairmen.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development has been drawn up on the basis of General Assembly resolution 54/196 of 22 December 1999.

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3. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 52/179 of 18 December 1997 and 53/173 of 15 December 1998, decided to convene a high-level intergovernmental event of political decision makers, at least at the ministerial level, on financing for development.

In this connection, the General Assembly decided to establish an intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, open to all States, to carry out the substantive preparations for the high-level intergovernmental event.

In paragraph 7 of its resolution 54/196, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and within the context of paragraphs 20 and 21 of the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on Financing for Development (A/54/28) and paragraphs 17 and 18 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/51, to initiate as soon as possible preliminary consultations with all relevant stakeholders, in particular the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, on the potential modalities of their participation in both the substantive preparatory process and the high-level intergovernmental event, and also requested the Secretary-General to provide the results of these consultations to the Preparatory Committee for consideration at the first part of its organizational session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing the results of the consultations on the potential modalities of the participation of all relevant stakeholders, in particular the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, in both the substantive preparatory process and the high-level intergovernmental event on financing for development (A/AC.257/1)

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

In resolution 54/196, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee would hold its resumed organizational session as soon as possible and no later than March 2000 and that the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee should be held in May 2000.